

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method of performing adaptive connection admission control in consideration of input call states in a Differentiated Services (DiffServ) network, the DiffServ network including a bandwidth broker, a plurality of ingress and egress edge nodes and a plurality of core nodes, the method comprising the steps of:

a) a corresponding ingress edge node performing connection admission control for a new connection within an amount of bandwidth initially allocated to each of paths between the ingress and egress edge nodes;

b) the corresponding ingress edge node comparing an amount of remaining bandwidth allocated to a specific path  $P_r$  with an amount of bandwidth required for a connection setup requesting call input to the corresponding ingress edge node, and calculating an amount of additional bandwidth to be requested from the bandwidth broker when the corresponding ingress edge node determines that the amount of the remaining bandwidth does not satisfy the amount of the bandwidth required for the connection setup requesting call; and

c) the corresponding ingress edge node requesting additional bandwidth from the bandwidth broker on the basis of the calculated amount of the additional bandwidth, changing bandwidth information of the corresponding path  $P_r$ , and performing connection admission control, wherein the calculated amount takes into account an average of time intervals at which allocation of additional bandwidth is requested from the bandwidth broker.

2. (Original) The adaptive connection admission control method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of d) decreasing the amount of additionally allocated bandwidth when the amount of the additionally allocated bandwidth is not exhausted within a certain range, and returning the decreased amount of the additionally allocated bandwidth to the bandwidth broker.

3. (Original) The adaptive connection admission control method according to claim 2, wherein the step d) comprises the steps of:

comparing an amount of bandwidth  $UBW_i$  being used at current time  $T_i$  of the amount of the additionally allocated bandwidth with an amount of bandwidth  $UBW_{i-1}$  actually used at previous time  $T_{i-1}$ ; and

decreasing an amount of currently available bandwidth  $BW_i$  of the corresponding path  $Pr$  when a difference between the amount of the bandwidth  $UBW_i$  and the amount of the bandwidth  $UBW_{i-1}$  is equal to or greater than a preset threshold.

4. (Original) The adaptive connection admission control method according to claim 3, wherein the amount of the currently available bandwidth  $BW_i$  of the corresponding path  $Pr$  is decreased to the amount of the bandwidth  $UBW_{i-1}$  actually used at the previous time  $T_{i-1}$ .

5. (Original) The adaptive connection admission control method according to claim 2, further comprising the step of the bandwidth broker withdrawing the decreased amount of the additionally allocated bandwidth and allocating the decreased amount of the additionally allocated bandwidth to another path.

6. (Original) The adaptive connection admission control method according to claim 1, wherein the step a) comprises the steps of:

determining each of paths between the ingress and egress edge nodes within the DiffServ network using a routing protocol;

the bandwidth broker determining an amount of initial bandwidth for each path and reporting the determined amount of the initial bandwidth for each path to the ingress edge node;

selecting the path  $Pr$  using a destination address when the call requesting new connection setup is input to the ingress edge node; and

accepting the connection setup request when the amount of the remaining bandwidth, which is allocated to the selected path  $Pr$  and is currently available, is greater than the amount of the bandwidth required for the connection setup requesting call.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The adaptive connection admission control method according to claim 1, wherein the step b) is performed so that, when the amount of the remaining bandwidth satisfies the amount of the bandwidth required for the connection setup requesting call, the bandwidth information of the corresponding path  $P_r$  is changed as expressed in the following Equation.

changed bandwidth information of  $P_r$  = amount of remaining  
bandwidth of  $P_r$  - amount of bandwidth required for new call.

9. (Original) The adaptive connection admission control method according to claim 1, wherein the step c) comprises the steps of:

the ingress edge node requesting the bandwidth broker to allocate the additional bandwidth predicted depending on the state of the input call;

the bandwidth broker receiving the request, determining whether to accept the request for the allocation of the additional bandwidth depending on states of links through which the corresponding path  $P_r$  passes;

the ingress edge node receiving a response to the request for the allocation of the additional bandwidth from the bandwidth broker and determining whether allocation of the additional bandwidth succeeds; and

rejecting the connection setup request if the allocation of the additional bandwidth fails, while changing the bandwidth information of the corresponding path  $P_r$  and accepting the connection setup request if the allocation of the additional bandwidth succeeds.

10. (Previously Presented) The adaptive connection admission control method according to claim 9, wherein the bandwidth information of the corresponding path  $P_r$  is changed as expressed in the following equation.

changed bandwidth information of  $P_r$  = (amount of remaining  
bandwidth of  $P_r + M'$ ) - amount of bandwidth required for new call.